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SUBJECT: GENEVA DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF WAR: OFFICERS

1. FOLLOWING APPEARS TO BE AGREED LINE-UP OF OFFICERS FOR SUBJECT
CONFERENCE.

2. PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE: SWISS FONMIN GRABER (ELECTED 2/20).

3. VICE-PRESIDENTS (19):

(A) 5 WEO: CANADA, BELGIUM, AUSTRIA, FRG, ITALY

(B) 5 AF: ZAIRE, MAURITANIA, UGANDA, MOROCCO, GUINEA-BISSAU

(C) 3 LA: PANAMA, URUGUAY, T AND T

(D) 4 ASIANS: CHINA, PHILIPPINES, SRI LANKA, SYRIA

(E) 2 EES: USSR, ROMANIA

4. MAIN COMMITTEE I:

(A) CHAIRMAN: HAMBRO (NORWAY)

(B) VICE-CHAIRMEN: AF (NIGERIA) AND EE (YUGOSLAVIA)

(C) RAPPORTEUR: LA (MEXICO)

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5. MAIN COMMITTEE II:

- (A) CHAIRMAN: MALIK (POLAND)
- (B) VICE-CHAIRMEN: ASIA (PAKISTAN) AND LA (CHILE) (FYI: USSR
WILL STATE "STRONG RESERVATION" AFTER ELECTIONS. END FYI.)
- (C) RAPPORTEUR: AF (MALI)

6. MAIN COMMITTEE III:

- (A) CHAIRMAN: SULTAN (EGYPT)
- (B) VICE-CHAIRMEN: EE (HUNGARY) AND ASIAN (IRAN)
- (C) RAPPORTEUR: BAXTER (USA)

7. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS:

- (A) CHAIRMAN: COLOMBIA
- (B) VICE-CHAIRMEN: AF (TUNISIA) AND ASIA (COUNTRY UNNAMED)
- (C) RAPPORTEUR: KARLSHOVEN (NETHERLANDS)

8. DRAFTING COMMITTEE:

- (A) CHAIRMAN: BANGLADESH
- (B) VICE-CHAIRMEN: LA (HONDURAS)(?) AND AF (ALGERIA)
- (C) REGIONAL LINE-UP
 - (1) 4 WEO: USA; FRANCE: UK, SWEDEN.
 - (2) 3 LA: BRAZIL, MEXICO; HONDURAS (?).
 - (3) 3 ASIANS: BANGLADESH; LEBANON; INDONESIA.
 - (4) 3 AF: ALGERIA; MALI; EGYPT.
 - (5) 2 EE: USSR, GDR

9. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

- (A) CHAIRMAN: LA (NICARAGUA)
- (B) MEMBERS:
 - (1) 2 WEO: USA AND AUSTRALIA
 - (2) 3 AF; MADAGASCAR, SENEGAL, CAMEROON
 - (3) 2 ASIANS: THAILAND, IRAQ
 - (4) 1 ADDITIONAL LA: PERU
 - (5) 1 EE: CZECHOSLOVAKIA

10. GENERAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF CONFERENCE;
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CHAIRMEN OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES, WEAPONS COMMITTEE, AND DRAFTING
COMMITTEE; AND SYG OF CONFERENCE.

11. COMMENT: REASON WHY US, FRANCE AND UK NOT AMONG VICE-
PRESIDENTS IS CONSENSUS IN WEO GROUP, TO WHICH WE RELUCTANTLY
ACCEDED, THAT NO STATE IN WEO GROUP SHOULD HAVE BOTH POSITION
ON DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND POST OF VICE-PRESIDENT. WE HOWEVER FARED
WELL IN GETTING FOR US, IN ADDITION TO POST OF RAPPORTEUR OF MOST

IMPORTANT MAIN COMMITTEE, WHICH BROUGHT WITH IT SEAT ON DRAFTING
COMMITTEE, SEAT ON CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF
WEO GROUP. DALE

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